

Friends of Agricultural Research at Beltsville

Board of Directors Meeting

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
Building 003, Room 238
Beltsville, Maryland
January 11, 2000
1:00 p.m.

Agenda

Call to Order and Introduction of Guests	Ralph Bram
Report from the Area Office	Phyllis Johnson
Status Report of Focus Group and Publicity Committee	Jim Butcher
Requests for Assistance	
BARC Symposium 2000 (status report)	Lew Gasbarre
Grand Forks Boosters of Agricultural Research in Nutrition	Ralph Bram
Report from the Visitors Center	John Kucharski
Revision and Printing of FAR-B Brochure	John Kucharski/Jim Butcher
Treasurer's Report	Al DeMilo
Status Report of Membership Committee	Frank Longen
Status Report of Corporate Relations Committee	Al DeMilo
Preparations for January Newsletter and Membership Directory	Walter Rawls
Other Committee Reports	Committee Chairs
Adjourn	



FRIENDS OF AGRICULTURE RESEARCH-BELTSVILLE, INC.

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FARB Board of Directors Minutes of January 1, 2000. Board Members and visitors in attendance were Jim Butcher, Frank Longen, Mort Beroza, Al DeMilo, Ralph Bram, Essex Finney, Walter Rawls, John Kucharski, Lew Gasbarre, Joe Urban, Hank Dickson, Rosanna Taylor, and Phyllis Johnson.

Comments by the President -Ralph Bram: You should have a copy of the minutes from the last meeting. If you have any comments or corrections, please give them to Walter Rawls.

Area Report -Phyllis Johnson: We are putting together a history of BARC display and if anyone has any old pictures please send them to the me. Thursday we are having a biodiesel demonstration meeting and FAR-B is invited. The presidents budget is scheduled to be released on February 7th. Y2K caused no problems. The construction of the roof on building 004 is scheduled to begin in March. On February 15 we are holding an Invasive Species one day symposium. Ground breaking on the BHNRC building is scheduled for the fall.

ARS National Visitors Center - John Kucharski: The ARS awards is again this year going to be held at the log lodge. March is going to be a busy month with visits by various state farm bureaus.

Treasurers Report -Al DeMilo: A copy of the treasurers report was handed out.

Committees

Membership Committee - Frank Longen: Dues Notices will go out this month.

Mike Faust Memorial - Frank Longen: The vegetable Lab has been notified that they will receive the intern this year and should start recruiting.

George W. Irving Fellowship - Jim Butcher: The call for nominations will be sent out this week and the deadline for having nominations in was set as March 3 and the winner will be announced at the annual meeting.

Focus Group -Jim Butcher: This year the request will have two themes which are (1) phase 2 of BHNRC and facilities renovation and (2) priority research items. We will meet with Phyllis as soon as the presidents budget is released.

Corporate Relations Committee- Al DeMilo: Eight letters were sent out in December and I am in the process of sending more now.

Beltsville Symposium - Lew Gasbarre: Handed out a schedule of sessions and proposed invited speakers. Advertising will go out on the Webb this week. More details will be available at the next meeting.

Nomination Committee: Frank will head the nomination committee and will ask Phil to assist. All board members present agreed to stay on.

Old Business

- A version of the new FAR-B Brochure was Electronic media has cut down the the amount of time I have been spending on FARB handed out and discussed. Ralph will finalize this and have it printed.

New Business

- Hank Dickson proposed a FAR-B Invitational for high school science projects and it was tabled until the next meeting.
- Ralph will ask the administrator to speak at the April annual meeting.
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Next Meeting - Tuesday, February 8, 2000 in Room 238, Bldg. 003 at 1pm.

Minutes taken by:
Walter Rawls

Beltsville Symposium

SUNDAY:

Session A - Defining Healthy Animals

- Industry perspective - 1 speaker - **Beth Lautner** (NPPC)
- Regulatory perspective - 1 speaker - **Alphonso Torres** (APHIS)
- Consumer perspective - 1 speaker - **Carolyn Smith-DeWaal**
- Scientific perspective - 1 speaker - **Harley Moon** (ISU)
- Animal welfare/rights perspective - 1 speaker - **Temple Gradin** (TAMU)
- International perspective - **Alex Thiermann** (APHIS)

MONDAY

Session B - Stress and Disease

- Animal stress (nutrition, management) - 2 speakers - **John McClone** (Tex A&M), **Kurt Klausing**
- Emerging infectious disease (cattle/swine/poultry) - 3 speakers - **Cory Brown** (UGA), **Keith Murray** (Ames), **J.P. Dubey** (BARC)

Session C - Food Safety

- Protecting animals from bio-terrorism - 1 speaker - **Barry Erlich** (ARS)
- Zoonotic diseases (bacterial, viral, parasitic) - 3 speakers - **Ron Fayer** (BARC), **Carol Bolin** (Ames), **Mitchell Palmer** (Ames)
- Antibiotic resistance - 1 speaker - **David White** (FDA)

TUESDAY

Session D - Safeguarding Health I

- Genomics and genetic selection - 2 speakers - **Michel Georges** (Belguim), **Tad Sonstegard** (BARC)
- Probiotics and competitive exclusion products - 1 speaker - **David Nesbitt** (TAMU)
- Vaccines and immunomodulation - 2 speakers - **Loren Babiuk** (VIDO), **Ron Schultz** (U WI)

Session E - Safeguarding Health II

- Integrated management systems - 1 speaker - ?
- Organic management systems - 1 speaker - contact Horizon Dairies

Session F - Documenting Animal Health and Food Safety

- HACCP on the farm/certifying food safety - 1 speaker - **Jim McKean**
- Certifying food quality/safety to the consumer - 1 speaker - **Dane Bernard** (Nat Food Process)
- Protecting against emerging diseases in the food supply - 1 speaker - **Lonnie King**

Introducing the

FAR-B Invitational

For High School Students

Friday, May 19, 2000

Two students will be invited from each of the following High Schools:

DuVal
Eleanor Roosevelt
Parkdale
Northwestern
High Point
Laurel
Bowie

Student invitees should be:

Seniors

Have projects related to BARC--oriented science

Have own transportation

Be able to miss a day of classes

Schedule:

9 -- 10 am	Set up projects
10 -- 11 am	Duscuss projects
11 -- 1 pm	BARC tour
1 -- 2 pm	Lunch
2 -- 2:30	Awards ceremony
2:30 -- 3:00	Dismissal

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BARC Poster Day	Ralph Bram
NAL Grand Reopening	Ralph Bram
FAR-B Invitational	Hank Dixon
Report from the Visitors Center	John Kucharski
Beltsville Employees Organization	Nancy Thrush
Revision and Printing of FAR-B Brochure	Jim Butcher
Treasurer's Report	Al DeMilo
Status Report of Membership Committee	Frank Longen
Status Report of Corporate Relations Committee	Al DeMilo
Status Report of Focus Group and Publicity Committee	Jim Butcher
Status Report Goals and Objectives Committee including status of CFC Application	Phil Kearney
Board Members	Frank Longen
Other Committee Reports	Committee Chairs
Adjourn	

FAR-B BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
February 8, 2000

Members present: Ralph Bram, Phil Kearney, Frank Longen, Walt Rawls, Al DeMilo, Mort Beroza, Jim Butcher. **Visitors:** Nancy Thrush, Ron Korcak, Hank Dickson, Joe Urban.

President Ralph Bram's comments: Please give corrections to the previous meeting minutes to the secretary.

Other: Walter Rawls' role has become Area liaison to the board. Many of his previous functions, e.g., minutes, newsletter, etc., will be assumed by the board. Functional details are in transition. Ralph expressed deep gratitude to Walt on behalf of the board, noted that FAR-B looks forward to working with Walt and the Area in a new format.

Area Report: Ron Korcak said the President's 2001 budget is kind to the Area, including: an approximate 10% net increase in Area funds; plus \$13.3 million for the Human Nutrition Center, Phase II, and an unannounced amount for facilities improvement and renovation. Also, the Area has received permission to recruit a new Plant Sciences Institute director.

Requests for Assistance: Joe Urban reported steady progress on preparations for the Healthy Animals 2000 Symposium, September 10-12. A web-page will be up soon showing FAR-B as co-sponsorship. Also, the board approved: a. \$650 for the BARC Poster Day; b. \$300 for the NAL re-opening; c. \$100 for the FAR-B (high school) Invitational, subject to Hank Dickson coordinating with the Area and the Visitors Center.

Beltsville Employees Organization: Nancy Thrush discussed her organization's operations--fund raising, services, membership, etc., possible common interests with FAR-B.

FAR-B Brochure: Jim Butcher passed around a test-run copy of the new brochure. Comments suggested heavier paper and better column centering. Jim to follow up.

Treasurer's Report: Al DeMilo presented the current budget report.

The issue of levying an accounts service fee to manage the Systematic Entomology Laboratory (SEL) endowment Fund's accounts (currently a Crestar SELF BusMM Account and a T. Rowe Price Mutual Fund (Equity Income) was discussed. Al DeMilo outlined a tentative mutual agreement forged out of

a meeting (Jan. 28, 2000) of the SELF Committee (Al attended) and in subsequent discussions between Al and Dug Miller(SELF Committee Chair).

Accordingly, the following motion was brought to the floor by Frank Longen and the motion was passed unanimously: -- An accounts handling fee will be levied, on a yearly basis, to the SEL endowment Fund. This fee will be comprised of 7% of the total donations (principal only) accrued to the SELF during a calendar year, and beginning with 1999. Fee assessment and collection will be expedited by FAR-B's Treasurer shortly following release of the SELF Committee's annual financial status report (prepared ca. Jan/Feb of the following year). The fee will be collected as a withdrawal of the established amount from the Crestar SELF BusMM Account and redeposited in FAR-B's General Account. A statement of the transaction will be prepared by FAR-B's Treasurer and forwarded to the SELF Committee Chair.--

Committees

Membership: Frank Longen reported dues from members and patrons are coming in nicely.

Corporate Relations: Al DeMilo reported excellent progress on refining approaches to potential corporate donor/sponsors.

Focus Group and Publicity: Ron Korcak said that he or Phyllis Johnson will contact Jim Butcher regarding FAR-B testimony. Jim is planning a newspaper story on ARS scientist-of-the-year Albert Rango.

Goal and Objectives: Phil Kearney is pursuing CFC eligibility for FAR-B. Phil, Frank Longen, and Jim Butcher will consider FAR-B relations with other organizations.

Board Members: Frank Longen discussed potential candidates.

February 9, 2000
Jim Butcher

Friends of Agricultural Research—Beltsville, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
Building 003, Room 238
Beltsville, Maryland
March 14, 2000
1:00 p.m.

Agenda

Call to Order and Introduction of Guests	Ralph Bram
Report from the Area Office	Phyllis Johnson
Requests for Assistance	
BARC Symposium 2000 (status report)	Lew Gasbarre/Joe Urban
NATO-CCMS Meeting	Ralph Bram
Invitation to NAL Reception	Ralph Bram
Preparations for Annual Meeting	Walter Rawls/Ralph Bram
Report from the Visitors Center	John Kucharski
Revision and Printing of FAR-B Brochure	Jim Butcher/John Kucharski
Treasurer's Report	Al DeMilo
Status Report of Membership Committee	Frank Longen
Status Report of Corporate Relations Committee	Al DeMilo
George W. Irving Fellowship Award	Jim Butcher
Mike Faust Internship	Frank Longen/Phil Kearney
Status Report of Focus Group and Publicity Committee	Jim Butcher
Status Report of Goals and Objectives Committee and discussions with BARC Employees Organization	Phil Kearney
Other Committee Reports	Committee Chairs
Adjourn	

Friends of Agricultural Research—Beltsville, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
Building 003, Room 238
Beltsville, Maryland
April 11, 2000
1:00 p.m.

Agenda

Call to Order and Introduction of Guests	Ralph Bram
Requests for Assistance	
Request from Area Office	Walter Rawls
Take your sons and daughters to work day	Ralph Bram
Report from the Visitors Center	John Kucharski
Report of the Outreach Committee	Hank Dickson
Treasurer's Report	Al DeMilo
Status Report of Membership Committee	Frank Longen
Status Report of Corporate Relations Committee	Al DeMilo
George W. Irving Fellowship	Jim Butcher
Mike Faust Internship	Frank Longen/Phil Kearney
Status Report of Publicity Committee	Jim Butcher
Poster Day	Jim Butcher
Status Report of Goals and Objectives Committee	Phil Kearney
Preparations for Annual Meeting	Walter Rawls/Ralph Bram
Adjourn	

4/6/00

DEAR RALPH,

THANKS FOR THE FAR-B DUCT
REMINDER. SINCE MOVING, THE PO IS
SOMETIMES SLOW IN REDIRECTING MY MAIL.

MY NEW ADDRESS IS

602 GALWAY LANE

COLOMBIA, SC 29209

MY VERY BEST TO YOU AND MY

DEAR FRIENDS ON THE BOARD

Bill Hollis

From: Holly Wood <WoodH@ars.usda.gov>

To: rabram@rcn.com

Date: Fri, Apr 7, 2000, 1:00 PM

Subject: Special Emphasis Program at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center

Dr. Bram:

My name is Holly Wood and I work at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC). I was given your name and email address by Dr. Walter Rawls.

The purpose of my email is that I am on a special emphasis program sponsored by Dr. P.E. Johnson, Director, of BARC. The name of the program is "Take your Sons and Daughters to Work Day" to be held on April 27, 2000. We would like to furnish the children lunch on this day. The committee has lots of fun activities scheduled for the children. They will take a tour of BARC and tour the BARC Milking Parlor, a cockroach race put on the Systematic Entomology Laboratory, the Hatchery is going to bring over baby chicks for the children to hold and there is good chance that Topper Shutt, Meteorologist with Channel 9 news will make an appearance and talk to the children about the weather.

What we would like to do is have lunch for the children (nothing extravagant). We would like to get a six foot sub from Subway and three or four extra large pizzas from Papa Johns. The road block that we have run into is that the committee cannot use funds to buy the lunch. The committee went to Dr. Johnson to enquire with her if there was any way that we can do this. Dr. Johnson suggested FARB. She said to email you and ask.

The committee needs \$160.00 to pay for the sub and pizzas. The committee would be MOST GRATEFUL if FARB could help us with this cost in providing lunch for the children.

My phone number is (301) 504-5275 if you would like call me and discuss this request further. Again, thank you very much for considering our request.

Thank you,
Holly Wood
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To: "Ralph A. Bram" <rabram@rcn.com>
Date: Fri, Mar 17, 2000, 2:51 PM
Subject: RE: FAR-B Annual Meeting Agenda

I am very pleased we have opened up the meeting. We need to make a big pitch for associate members.

At a recent area staff meeting the problems of supplying refreshments when dignitaries visit Beltsville was discussed. I would like to make a request for Phyllis that FARB budget \$300 to \$400 a year (for this year about \$ 200) for the area (Phyllis and Institutes) to use for supplying refreshments for visiting dignitaries. At present these costs come from the pockets of area and Institute staff. I would appreciate it if FARB would consider this request and if they can't do it this year budget for it next year. The way this could be handled is for receipts to be sent to AI for reimbursement. We might not use all the money and thus the money would never be withdrawn.

Thank you for considering this request.

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Minutes of the FAR-B Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, April 11, 2000

Attendees: Bill Bailey, Mort Beroza, Ralph Bram, Jim Butcher,
Al DeMilo, Charles Dickson, Essex Finney,
John Kucharski, Frank Longen, Walter Rawls,
Manya Stoetzel

President R. BRAM called the meeting to order at 1 pm with the announcement he wanted to complete this special BoD meeting by 1:45 pm so the Board members could get to the Annual Meeting at 2 pm in a timely fashion.

MANYA STOETZEL of the Systemic Entomology Laboratory was introduced and warmly welcomed as the new Representative of the Area Director's Office on the BoD. She described to the group her long association with ARS, which began when she was a post-doc during the Nixon administration.

Two financial requests were discussed:

1. W. RAWLS circulated a proposal worked out with the Area Directors Office. It proposed a blanket amount of \$400 to cover hospitality expenses for BARC meetings occurring in the next business year, with the Area Office deciding what will be covered and when. Receipts would be sent to the FAR-B Treasurer for reimbursement. For the balance of this business year, the amount to be offered would be \$200. Moved by M. BEROZA and seconded by F. LONGEN, it was approved unanimously to adopt the proposal of \$200 this business year and \$400 next business year for supporting hospitality expenses at BARC-oriented meetings, as determined by the Area Office.

2. A letter was circulated from HOLLY WOOD, an employee at BARC, regarding a "Take Your Sons and Daughters to Work Program" planned for April 27, 2000. The program is sponsored by P. JOHNSON, BARC AD. An attractive day of events has been planned for the visitors. The request involved \$160 to provide a sandwich/pizza lunch for about 60 children. Moved by M. BEROZA, seconded by F. LONGEN, and passed unanimously to provide the \$160 for this outreach-type event, with the understanding that this would be a one-time type of award.

J. KUCHARSKI reported on recent as well as planned activities at the National Visitor Center. The season is in full swing when the demands on his staff are the greatest. The September conference at Beltsville of the Latin American agricultural ministers should be a memorable event. Right now BARC and the NVC are aggressively promoting the use of soybean oil in motor vehicles---the NVC tour bus is a rolling testimonial to soybeans.

According to OUTREACH COMMITTEE chairman C. DICKSON, plans are in place for its next activity, the FAR-B / OPEDA High School Inviational, to take place Friday, May 19, 2000. The only help needed will be in rounding up enough warm BARC bodies between 10 and 11 am that day (Friday, May 19) to create an appreciative audience for the high school seniors who have this year produced outstanding pre-college science projects in the agricultural disciplines.

Treasurer A. DeMILO gave an abbreviated financial status report. There has been a substantial influx of money (e.g., the JIM BEAM contribution), and the Systematics Laboratory transfer of some \$3k. In doing this year's Federal taxes, the bottom line showed FAR-B \$300 in the black, whereas in the prior year there was a \$17k deficit.

F. LONGEN reported the membership situation has remained fairly static, although diminished recently by a couple of deaths. He plans to send final reminders to laggards by the end of May, after which a new membership year will be occurring, anyway. It's assumed the FECU (credit union) will be coming on board again shortly as a highly endowed organizational member.

J. BUTCHER reported that ALI M. SADEGEHI of NRI is the winner of this year's GEORGE W. IRVING FELLOWSHIP, and will be at the Annual Meeting for purposes of introduction and acknowledgement. He was one of three finalists in this year's recent competition.

F. LONGEN reported that he and Dr. MATOO are making final arrangements to again have a summer intern serve in the PLANT SCIENCES INSTITUTE as part of the Dr. FAUST bequest.

J. BUTCHER reported on the activities at POSTER DAY, held last week at BARC. He also related that two responses had been received to the 50 pieces of testimony held-delivered to Capitol Hill last month promoting the BARC appropriation bill. They were from THAD COCHRAN, chairman of the Senate Appropriation Subcommittee on Agriculture, and Senator BARBARA MIKULSKI, member of the Maryland Congressional Delegation.

President BRAM proceeded with a dry-run of his Annual Meeting presidential script, which appeared to be in fine order. The meeting was adjourned at 1:46 pm, only one minute over schedule.

Charles H. Dickson, Jr.
Acting Secretary

Friends of Agricultural Research—Beltsville, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
Building 003, Room 238
Beltsville, Maryland
May 9, 2000
1:00 p.m.

Agenda

Call to Order and Introduction of Guests	Ralph Bram
Report from the Area Director	Phyllis Johnson
Requests for Assistance	
Renaming of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center	Phyllis Johnson
Status of BARC Symposium 2000	Joe Urban
FAR/OPEDA Invitational	Hank Dickson
Report from the Visitors Center	John Kucharski
Treasurer's Report	Al DeMilo
Status Report of Membership Committee	Frank Longen
Status Report of Corporate Relations Committee	Al DeMilo
Mike Faust Internship	Frank Longen/Phil Kearney
Status Report of Publicity Committee	Jim Butcher
Status Report of Goals and Objectives Committee	Phil Kearney
Membership Directory and Mailing List	Frank Longen
Plans for FAR-B Newsletter	Ralph Bram
Adjourn	

Re: Refreshments for visiting dignitaries

Fri, Apr 14, 2000 8:46 AM

From: Phyllis Johnson <JohnsonP@ARS.USDA.GOV>
To: rabram@rcn.com
Cc: ademilo@ASRR.ARSUSDA.GOV, wrawls@hydrolab.arsusda.gov, mstoetze@sel.barc.usda.gov
Date: Wed, Apr 12, 2000, 12:02 PM
Subject: Re: Refreshments for visiting dignitaries

Ralph,

Thank you so much for this support. It will be a great help in providing appropriate hospitality for some of our high level visitors.

Phyllis

>>> "Ralph A. Bram" <rabram@rcn.com> 04/12/00 10:39AM >>>
Dear Dr. Johnson,

I am pleased to inform you that the FAR-B Board of Directors has agreed to provide the Area Office with funds to assist in providing refreshments for visiting dignitaries. We will provide up to \$200.00 this fiscal year and up to \$400.00 next fiscal year.

Please send receipts to our Treasurer, Al DeMilo (ademilo@asrr.arsusda.gov), and indicate to whom the FAR-B check should be made.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Ralph A. Bram, President
Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville

From: "Phyllis Johnson" <JohnsonP@ba.ars.usda.gov>
To: <rabram@rcn.com>
Date: Wed, May 3, 2000, 11:10 AM
Subject: Major event on June 6

Ralph,

On June 6, Secretary Glickman will be at BARC to name the entire center in honor of Henry A Wallace. Wallace was Secretary of Agriculture under FDR (and later vice president) and he presided over the major expansion of BARC in the 30's. He also created hybrid corn and started the Pioneer Seed Co.

We have been told that we have no legal authority to spend Federal money on refreshments for this event. (we can use construction money for dedications of new or renovated buildings, but there is nothing new here). Would FAR-B be willing to fund some refreshments (cookies or cake & lemonade, nothing fancy) for this event? We are expecting quite a bunch of distinguished guests, including several members of Congress.

You and the FAR-B board will receive formal invitations once we confirm the time of day with the Secretary's office.

We appreciate your support.

Phyllis

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Minutes of the FAR-B Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, May 9, 2000

Attendees: Mort Beroza, Ralph Bram, Jim Butcher, Al DeMilo,
Essex Finney, Phyllis Johnson, Frank Longen, Phil Kearney,
Manya Stoetzel, Joseph Urban

Area Director's Report. Dr. JOHNSON commented that applications are expected to filter down in early June to the Area Office regarding the vacancy for PSI Director. No movement yet on the vacancy for the Director of NRI. Upcoming memorable dates include:

JUNE 1 thru OCTOBER 1 -- Big Bug exhibit of oversized sculptures at the Arboretum, an entomologists' delight.

JUNE 3 -- Public Field Day. Also the celebration of BARC's 90th birthday. There will be two tents raised for this celebration, one containing historical exhibits relating to BARC.

JUNE 5 -- Secretary's Honor Awards Ceremony, with recognition going to BARC's accomplished team on SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE.

JUNE 6 -- Dedication of the HENRY A. WALLACE BELTSVILLE AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH CENTER. Dr. JOHNSON described the chain of events leading up to the decision to revise the name of BARC. The Secretary wants employees and the general public to know they are all invited to this event.

JUNE 13 and 20 -- VIP tours for both local political officials and groups interested in bio-technology transfer.

For the WALLACE re-dedication, Dr. JOHNSON said expectations from the Secretary's office include appropriate refreshments for participants and observers. She requested approval from FAR-B to spend up to \$500 for the desired refreshments. Moved by E. FINNEY, seconded and passed: to approve FAR-B funding for the refreshments planned for the WALLACE rededication, up to \$500.

HEALTHY ANIMALS 2000 (Symposium) Report: J. URBAN reviewed the status of symposium plans and activities to date. The support team has been expanded in size and all speakers but one have been firmed up. Details about the timing of invoices and the use of the MD state tax exemption were reviewed. An outstanding deal has been obtained from ELSEVIER to produce the theme text for \$25, the cost of which will be included in the registration fee.

To help handle late-breaking Symposium issues, the September meeting of the BoD will be moved up to September 5, 2000, the day after Labor Day. ALL BoD MEMBERS SHOULD MAKE NOTE OF THIS SCHEDULED CHANGE. . .

In conjunction with the Symposium, FAR-B will again be expected to select a "Scientist of the Year". Pres. BRAM asked the following committee be formed to address this selection: F. LONGEN, P. KEARNEY, E. FINNEY, and R. KORCAK, Area Office.

The Treasurer's Report by A. DeMILO pointed out that the cash inflow since the first of the year has been better than anticipated. Tax forms for the state and federal governments were recently completed using a format compatible with UGF. When copies of the Treasurer's Report were passed out, the question was raised about how to handle their distribution in the future. The suggestion to attach such reports to the minutes was deferred until the next meeting, when Executive Secretary C. DICKSON will have returned.

M. STOETZEL initiated a discussion about the various symposia and other functions FAR-B is asked to support. There is continuing concern about how to advise scientists in charge of such functions about the best way to produce the "roses" of high-quality events while avoiding the "ashes" of financial disaster. The consensus was that while FAR-B has, in the past, developed procedures and techniques to guarantee such success, it takes constant vigilance to make sure that help and advice are available for technical leaders producing events for the first time, especially where sizeable investments by FAR-B may be involved.

F. LONGEN gave a report about FAR-B's current membership. His tally included 182 members and 2 sustaining members. There are 17 patrons, 83 personnel members, and 80 associate members, including 2 recently added associates members. Final reminders to those who have not yet paid 2000 dues will be sent out shortly after the close of the meeting. Further discussion about a strategy for motivating those with outstanding dues might well be a subject of further discussion at the June meeting.

Following the report of the Membership Committee, the meeting was happily adjourned by the President at 2:55 pm.

Charles H. Dickson, Jr.
Acting Secretary

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Report from the Area Director	Phyllis Johnson
Photograph of the Board	Hank Dickson
Requests for Assistance Status of BARC Symposium 2000 Outstanding Scientist Award WWC 20 Annual Meeting	Lew Gasbarre Lew Gasbarre Ralph Bram
Report from the Visitors Center	John Kucharski
Report of Outreach Program	Hank Dickson
Treasurer's Report	Al DeMilo
Status Report of Membership Committee	Frank Longen
Status Report of Corporate Relations Committee	Al DeMilo
Mike Faust Internship	Phil Kearney
Status Report of Publicity Committee and Newsletter	Jim Butcher
Status Report of Goals and Objectives Committee ...CFC Success	Phil Kearney
Membership Directory and Mailing List	Hank Dickson
Disposition of FAR-B archives, supplies, and equipment; schedule meeting room for next year	Manya Stoetzel

Adjourn 'til September 12th 5th

Checks
James D. Anderson CK #3183 dtd 6/6/00 - Posted 8/31/00
Judith E. Hallfrisch CK #2543 dtd 6/4/00 - Posted 8/31
John Hamman CK #2136 dtd 6/8/00 - Posted 8/31

Minutes of the FAR-B Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, June 13, 2000

Attendees: Mort Beroza, Ralph Bram, Jim Butcher, Al DeMilo,
Charles Dickson, Ron Korcak, Frank Longen, Phil
Kearney, Joseph Urban

Area Director's Report. R. CORCAK briefly discussed the status of the '01 ARS budget, initially expected to move smoothly through the pipeline, but now going through some not unexpected reviews. In any case, June will be a busy month:

06/01 -- Big Bug Display opens at the Arboretum

06/03 -- Public Day at BARC

06/06 -- Wallace Dedication Day

06/14 -- Lincoln Dedication Day

Funding strategies for the first of two new Human Nutrition wings planned for Building 307 have been moving forward, as planned.

Another Sustainable Agriculture event is scheduled for August 8-10. The AD's office is requesting \$1000 for a supply of souvenir BARC baseball caps at \$5 each, to be presented to attendees. Motion made, seconded, and passed to provide support up to \$500 for the souvenir caps. F. LONGEN and J. BUTCHER agreed to compose letters requesting industry support in order to fund the balance of this particular project.

J. URBAN discussed the status of plans for the upcoming Beltsville Symposium, "Healthy Animals 2000", scheduled for September 10-12. Estimates have been compiled for every imaginable aspect of symposium activity. The basic projection involves a conservative registration figure of 175 attendees. Various forms of support from the Area Office should approximate \$15K. In order to handle any last-minute symposium issues, the BoD will move its next meeting to TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, the day after Labor Day. (Time: 1 pm.)

Please note that special date: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2000.

Kearneysville Seminar. President R. BRAM noted he had received a communication from the KEARNEYSVILLE, W.VA. experiment station for entertainment support relating to a fall conference taking place at their ARS location. After discussion, the consensus of the BoD was that this activity was too far removed from being a BARC-type function to warrant support from FAR-B. President BRAM would so inform the requestor from Kearneysville.

Operation Outreach. C. DICKSON reported that the FAR-B / OPEDA Invitational event May 19 concentrated a lot of attention on the four students from two schools who participated that day, something the students obviously enjoyed. A large number of BARC people showed up to intelligently discuss the students' pre-college research projects. A great deal of assistance during the day was provided by FAR-B members PHILIP KEARNEY, MANYA STOETZEL, ESSEX FINNEY, AL DeMILO, and HOLLY HAYES HAMBLEY, president of OPEDA. ROSANNAH TAYLOR of the NVC provided a VIP tour of BARC for the students, something which definitely made their respective highlight tapes. The fact that more students did not participate was due mainly to a bad guess about how much cooperation would be forthcoming from the seven invited high schools. Hopefully, this is a problem which can be cured in the future by not becoming ensnared in indifferent school bureaucracies.

Treasurer's Report. A. DeMILO said he continues to work---as time permits---on "balancing of funds", meaning his effort to place FAR-B assets in the correct place in the financial structure he has created. He also mentioned a thank-you note had been received from the organization which earlier in the year staged a NATO/agricultural-research function, which FAR-B supported.

Membership. F. LONGEN reported on the latest tally of FAR-B membership, currently static at 181. Within that number, 38 are no-pays: 6 patrons, 13 personal, and 19 associate. Second notices will be sent out shortly.

Corporate Relations. A. DeMilo continues to assemble and forward packages to potential corporate supporters containing FAR-B brochures and 90-year accomplishment publications, capped-off by personally-addressed letters.

CFC Campaign. P. KEARNEY reminded everybody that "7991" is the magic number for FAR-B for the upcoming Combined Federal Campaign in Beltsville being launched in Beltsville in mid-September.

Accepting a motion to "adjourn" at 3:35 pm, President R. BRAM released the members of the BoD for the rest of the summer with the joyful admonition, "SURF'S UP!!"

Charles H. Dickson, Jr.
Acting Secretary

Minutes of the FAR-B Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday, September 5, 2000

Attendees: Mort Beroza, Ralph Bram, Jim Butcher, Al DeMilo, Charles Dickson, Lew Gasbarre, Phyllis Johnson, Phil Kearney, John Kucharski, Frank Longen, Manya Stoetzel, Joseph Urban.

Area Director's Report. AD Phyllis Johnson issued a reminder about the Area Awards Ceremony coming up soon in the Building 003 Auditorium. . . . The filling of the top position in the **Plant Sciences Institute** is coming incredibly close to being a reality. . . . The status of other highly visible positions around ARS were also discussed. . . . An **RL Leadership Meeting** is scheduled for October 24--25, as well as an orientation session for new scientists in early November.

L. GASBARRE and J. URBAN discussed the status of plans for the upcoming Beltsville Symposium, "**Healthy Animals 2000**", slated for September 10-12. Estimates have been compiled for every imaginable aspect of symposium activity. The basic projection of 175 registered attendees is close to being reached, with more applications coming in daily. Various forms of support from the Area Office have made it possible to actually anticipate a Symposium Surplus instead of a Symposium Deficit. FAR-B members are invited to attend Symposium sessions whenever convenient---and without cost---by simply notifying the Symposium management ahead of time.

J. KUCHARSKI reported on activities presently on the agenda of the **National Visitor Center (NVC)**. Fall is a particularly busy time of year at the NVC for tours both large and small. The robust schedule of visits from high-level foreign dignitaries reflects the strong interest of the D.C. diplomatic corps in ARS in general and BARC in particular. Certain renovations will begin on the Log Lodge in October, hopefully with minimal discomfort to the visiting public.

Treasurer's Report. A. DeMILO said he continues to work---as time permits---on "balancing of funds", meaning his effort to place FAR-B assets in the correct place in the financial structure he has created. He also mentioned a thank-you note had been received from the organization which earlier in the year staged a NATO-type agricultural-research function, which FAR-B supported.

Membership. **F. LONGEN** reported on the latest tally of FAR-B membership, currently static at 180. Within that number, 38 are no-pays: 6 patrons, 13 personal, and 19 associate. Second notices will be sent out shortly. **J. BUTCHER** and **C. DICKSON** agreed to help with publishing---as quickly as possible---an updated **FAR-B Membership Directory**.

Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) Status: **P. KEARNEY** reported that pledge card information for BARC employees should be circulated in late September. As regards the CFC vs. the UGF (non-Federal) campaigns, he said he would investigate if trying to be part of the United Givers Fund would be worth the effort. **P. KEARNEY** reminded everybody that "7991" is the magic number for FAR-B for the upcoming Combined Federal Campaign in Beltsville.

Operation Outreach. **C. DICKSON** reported that for the third year in a row, a Fall Field Trip is in the works for sixth-grade students from the **Seabrook Elementary School**. The school will provide bus transportation for the students, **Jeanette Baylor**, **John Kucharski** and **Rosannah Taylor** from the NVC will arrange the tour, and FAR-B will provide a **Papa John's Pizza luncheon** for the visitors. Target date is Monday, October 2, 2000.

President R. Bram was reminded that the time is *now* to start the processs for the George W. Irving Award.

F. Longen and **M. Stoetzel** began a discussion about the ARS/FAR-B **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** and what, if anything, needs to be done about it. They agreed it should be an upcoming agenda item.

A. DeMilo gave notice that he will be leaving the office of Treasurer as soon as a replacement can be found and an orderly transition arranged.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 10, 2000.

Charles H. Dickson, Jr.
Acting Secretary

Friends of Agricultural Research—Beltsville, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
Building 003, Room 238
Beltsville, Maryland
September 5, 2000
1:00 p.m.

Agenda

Call to Order and Introduction of Guests	Ralph Bram
Report from the Area Director	Phyllis Johnson
Requests for Assistance	
Status of BARC Symposium	Lou Gasbarre
FAR-B Distinguished Scientist Award	Frank Longen
Report from the Visitors Center	John Kucharski
Treasurer's Report	Al DeMilo
Status Report of Membership Committee	Frank Longen
Membership Directory	Frank Longen
Plans for FAR-B participation in the Combined Federal Campaign	Phil Kearney
Status Report of Corporate Relations Committee	Al DeMilo
Mike Faust Internship	Phil Kearney
Report on new plans for Outreach Program	Hank Dickson
Status Report of Publicity Committee	Jim Butcher
Status Report of Goals and Objectives Committee	Phil Kearney
Adjourn	

Phyllis

Area Awards - 1 PM - Wed 9/6

Bill Wergin
Janet Wergin

BSI Wd. Conf. - Interviews report end of Sept.

Change - Pac West Shipping returning in Dec.

D. Cole coming back to Bitter Lake

Canter School ^(Budget office) leaving & taking job downtown

No opprop. yet. Chas 2 of NNC is at issue.

Bill Wergin retiring - end of Sept. -

10/24-5 ^{Re} Leadership meeting

Nov - training for new Scientists

Subject: Seabrook 2000

Date: Sun, 03 Sep 2000 16:02:52 -0400

From: "Charles H. Dickson, Jr." <C.H.Dickson@worldnet.att.net>

To: John Kucharski <kucharsk@asrr.arsusda.gov>, Jeanette Baylor <jbaylor@ars.arsusda.gov>

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JOHN and JEANETTE:

Last Friday I talked at length with the new principal at SEABROOK E.S. (the third principal in the last four years). She was quite ebnthusiastic about a fall field trip, and made many suggestions about things the school can do to make the event as smooth as possible for the students.

They now have thirty-eight 6th grade students, who, with a half-dozen accompanying adults, would about fill a 48-passenger school bus.

The principal will be checking with her teachers to see there is absolutely no testing comnflct with the date you offered of MONDAY, OCTOBER 2nd, and let me know about it for sure on Tuesday, 09/05/00.

I am appending a copy of the letter I sent to the school last month, and will otherwise be keeping in touch with you.

Regards, C.H.D.

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August

23, 2000

Dr. Elvear Johnson, Principal
Seabrook Elementary School

Dear Dr. Johnson:

This year the Friends of Agricultural Research-- Beltsville (FAR-B) would like to sponsor another field trip for your school to the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC), for the third time since 1998.

As it happens, the schedule of the Information Specialists who conduct group tours at BARC has almost been completed for the Fall, and end-of-year leave commitments have created other constraints.

This being the case, the only upcoming date available for a Seabrook Elementary School field trip to BARC would appear to be MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2000.

We need to know whether or not this date would be acceptable to the faculty and staff of your school. Please let me know by calling me no later than by Friday, September 1, 2000 at 301-5767-6645, and leaving a message.

The people at the ARS National Visitor Center have indicated the optimum group size for a field trip such as this would approximate one class of 30 students, or roughly the capacity of a single school bus.

We look forward to your response and another fine sixth-grade field trip.

Sincerely,

Charles H. Dickson, Jr.
Community Outreach Committee, FAR-B

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FANTASTIC BREAKING NEWS FOR FANS OF FAR-B

This fall, the Friends of Agricultural Research-Beltsville, Inc (FAR-B) will participate for the first time in the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) of the National Capital Area. The designation number for FAR-B will be '7991'. Thanks to the tireless efforts of Past President PHILIP KEARNEY, FAR-B's application for inclusion in the CFC drive was approved almost a year ahead of schedule. In September, federal employees can earmark all or part of their CFC contributions to FAR-B by using the '7991' designation code when completing their pledge cards. The results of these contributions will go to supporting activities described in this web page, plus:

Outreach programs with local schools

Dedication ceremonies associated with major BARC events

The George W. Irving Fellowship Program

Sponsorship of Summer Internships

Cooperation with BARC laboratories conducting in-depth reviews

FAR-B is pleased to be part of the 2000 CFC campaign and encourages all USDA employees in and around Beltsville to take advantage of this simple, direct method of supporting BARC's mission and goals.

From: manya stoetzel
To: "mstoetzel"@SELMAIL.GWIA
Subject: Re: CFC designations to FAR-B #7991

For the first time, the Friends of Agricultural Research-Beltsville, Inc (FAR-B) is approved to participate in the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) of the National Capital Area (designation number 7991). The campaign will begin sometime in mid-September of this year. When making a donation to CFC, employees can specify an amount to a particular organization. These donations can be one-time in cash or in bi-weekly payroll deductions. Your donation will allow us to expand some important programs at BARC. We hope to expand our activities which include:

- * outreach programs with local schools to expose students to the importance of American agriculture and to exciting careers in research.
- * cooperative efforts with BARC in sponsoring the Beltsville Symposium Series.
- * dedication ceremonies associated with major events, like the opening of a new facility or exhibit, and co-sponsoring field days, poster sessions, and mini-conferences and symposia.
- * continued sponsorship of the George W. Irving Fellowship Program, enabling selected scientists to undertake short-term studies at other institutions in the U.S. and abroad.
- * sponsorship of a Summer Intern Program in selected laboratories and the ARS Information Staff.
- *cooperation with BARC laboratories that bring in outside scientists for in-depth reviews and special events.
- *educational programs to advise Congress, State and local officials and community leaders of important needs and achievements at Beltsville.

FAR-B is an all volunteer organization with no paid employees and returns 97 cents of every dollar back to BARC. We seek your donation to the Combined Federal Campaign this fall in support our cooperative programs. Our designation number for the 2001 campaign is 7991. Your contribution will help us carry out and expand our goals.

Thank you for being a friend of agricultural research and for your support of FAR-B.

Ralph A. Bram, Ph.D.
 President
 Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville (FAR-B)

Minutes of the FAR-B Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday, October 10, 2000

Attendees: William Bailey, Ralph Bram, Jim Butcher, Al DeMilo, Charles Dickson, Essex Finney, Phil Kearney, Ronald Korcak, John Kucharski, Frank Longen, Hachiro Shimanuki.

Area Director's Report. R. Korcek delivered a report for AD Phyllis Johnson describing the status of various building projects around BARC as well as significant personnel changes within BARC and the rest of ARS. Regarding the use of BA-ALL to publicize FAR-B and the CFC, some reasons were offered to support the denial of the request, even though the purpose of the publicity was specifically intended to benefit a local governmental activity (BARC). No questions were asked, however.

2000 Beltsville Symposium. L. GASBARRE and J. URBAN, co-chairs, were not present. R. Bram said he attended one day of the Symposium and thought it was successssful. A. DeMilo distributed his analysis of the Symposium cash flow, which showed a surplus of over \$10K. The cost of the proceedings seems to be undefined, though. R. Bram said he hoped the co-chairs will show up at the next BOD meeting for a final report. There has been no word about when or if another next Symposium will take place.

Treasurer's Report. A. DeMILO distributed copies of financial statements covering the summer and fall months. Right now FAR-B has lots of cash in the bank, due mostly to Symposium activity. He offered these and other suggestions, which were deferred for final action to a future meeting:

1. The official Treasurer's Report should go to M. Stoetzel.
2. She should save 3 years of financial reports, and destroy the rest.
3. The Secretary should send a copy of the minutes to M. Stoetzel, preferably with the financial report attached.
4. Some attention should be given to the FAR-B material in "the attic".

Operation Outreach. C. Dickson reported that a successful as well as spirited BARC field trip was held for 39 sixth-grade students from Seabrook Elemetary School October 2, 2000. Our thanks to Dr. Rosannah Taylor of the NVC, who led the students on their customized tour. After a Papa John's pizza luncheon back at the school, they all engaged in a Jeopardy-type contest based on what they had experienced during their excursion to BARC.

Paul Putnam's Book. Extensive attention was devoted to the historical document assembled by former BARC Director **Paul Putnam** for a recent ARS meeting. After exploring several formats, the consensus was that concentrating on a web page with color photos and extensive text would be the most desirable, with a hard-cover publication always a possibility. **President Bram** will discuss these possibilities with **Dr. Putnam**.

Hispanic Heritage Day. Based on a (divided) e-mail survey, **President Bram** agreed to have FAR-B provide \$75 for refreshments for the **Hispanic Heritage Day** celebration honoring---among others---Spanish scientists.

Membership. **F. Longen.** Copies of the 2000 FAR-B **Membership Directory** were passed out, having been produced commercially in the past week by **J. Butcher, C. Dickson and F. Longen**. They reflect a slight decrease in total membership to 178, down from 180. About half the copies will be sent to BARC addresses.

Coimbinded Federal Campaign. **P. Kearney** reported that pledge card information is now in the hands of BARC employees and should be circulating back to key collection personnel even as we speak. At this point there seems to be no reward in seeking inclusion with the non-governmental United Givers Fund (UGF). **P. Kearney** reminded everybody that "7991" is still the magic number for FAR-B for the upcoming Combined Federal Campaign in Beltsville.

Goals and Objectives. Issues raised by **P. Kearney** included the necessity for guidelines on bestowing FAR-B's assets among various applicants:

Who should it go to?

Where should they be located?

What sort of business should they be in?

He also mentioned future plans to meet with **Pamela Andre** of NAL for talks about potential cooperation/consolidation. Comments on any of this would be welcomed via e-mail by **P. Kearney** at: "**Philip Kearney**"<pkearney@asrr.arsusda.gov>.

J. Butcher distributed copies of an article he published recently in the local press about **Dr. John Hammond**, former ARS researcher, who was known as the "**Father of Modern Impatiens**".

A phantom volunteer has materialized to help in executing FAR-B-type activities. Anybody with suggestions about how to utilize this individual should contact **President Bram**.

Charles H. Dickson, Jr., Secretary

Friends of Agricultural Research—Beltsville, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
Building 003, Room 238
Beltsville, Maryland
October 10, 2000
1:00 p.m.

Agenda

Call to Order and Introduction of Guests	Ralph Bram
Report from the Area Director	Phyllis Johnson
Requests for Assistance Wrap up of BARC Symposium 2000 Early History of BARC Hispanic Heritage Celebration	Lew Gasbarre Paul Putnam Ralph Bram
Report from the Visitors Center	John Kucharski
Treasurer's Report	Al DeMilo
Approval of 2001 Budget	Al DeMilo
Report of Membership Committee and status of Membership Directory	Frank Longen
Status Report of the Combined Federal Campaign	Phil Kearney
Mike Faust Internship	Phil Kearney
Status Report on Outreach Program	Hank Dickson
Status Report of Publicity Committee	Jim Butcher
Status Report of Goals and Objectives Committee	Phil Kearney
Report of the Area Director's Liaison	Manya Stoetzel
Adjourn	

*Wed. 10/10/00
Janet Award
1 PM*

Minutes of the FAR-B Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday, November 14, 2000

Attendees: William Bailey, Ralph Bram, Jim Butcher, Al DeMilo, Charles Dickson, Phyllis Johnson, Philip Kearney, Frank Longen.

Area Director's Report. AD Phyllis Johnson delivered her usual fact-filled status report concerning ARS and BARC. The ARS portion of the approved USDA appropriation bill for FY 2001 came to almost \$1 billion, an increase over the prior year of about 10%. She believes BARC should share in this plentitude to the tune of more than \$3 million. She distributed copies of her PowerPoint document explaining the October 'reorganization' of BARC, which she described as a 'realignment'. It reduced the number of Institutes by one and shuffled around several laboratories and their personnel on the Area organizational chart. As a 'realignment', no jobs were eliminated and no expenses were added. In fact, because of the realignment overhead expenses at BARC may go down as much as \$300,000 for FY 2001.

President Bram: The request to support the Kearneysville professional meeting this month will not go away. A copy of the form developed earlier for applicants to justify FAR-B contributing to this kind of activity will be sent to the meeting organizer, **Gary Kinard**. An e-mail survey of the BOD to be conducted by the President should then follow.

J. Butcher, Public Relations Chair, gave his report prior to his early (dental) departure. His BARC/ARS articles continue to appear in the local press with great regularity. He said announcements about the **GEORGE W. IRVING Award** should be circulating shortly.

F. Longen, Membership Chairman, reported the membership is stable at 178 members, although 25 of those 178 have not renewed their dues this past year. A membership drive for 2001 will hopefully be a big item in the January, 2001 FAR-B Newsletter.

BARC Mentoring Project --- has a 10-year anniversary celebration coming up. **Moved and passed** to approve up to \$250 to support that celebration.

A. DeMilo, Treasurer, noted that the surplus from the 'Year 2000--Healthy Animals' Symposium should be about \$11K. Neither of the co-chairmen of that event were present for purposes of

discussion and evaluation. Other functions successfully conducted last year (involving Dr. **Autar K. Matoo** and Dr. **Ali M. Sadeghi**) were mentioned, although specific requests for reimbursements for either of these activities have yet to be received.

P. Kearney, Vice-President, discussed the situation surrounding the formulation of FAR-B's goals and objectives vis-a-vis the current CFC drive.

Volunteer Procedures. A consensus reached the conclusion that FAR-B would be well-advised to stay out of the thicket posed by energy spent in stimulating and arranging volunteer service for BARC offices and laboratories.

Paul Putnam's Book. After extensive discussion, it was concluded the best avenue leading to publication of the **Paul Putnam History** would probably be through something resembling a web site spread reproduced in full color. This and other options will be presented to the author by President Bram.

President R. Bram, with appropriate discussion, proceeded to make FAR-B Committee Assignments for 2001 as follows:

George W. Irving Award Committee:

P. Kearney
E. Finney
H. Shimanuki

Michael Faust Committee:

M. Beroza
W. Bailey
F. Longen

Congressional Testimony Committee:

J. Butcher
E. Finney
C. Dickson

Outreach Committee:

C. Dickson
J. Kucharski

Symposium/Field Day Committee:

A. DeMilo
M. Beroza

Web Site Committee:

C. Dickson

Newsletter Committee:

J. Butcher
C. Dickson

History of BARC Committee:

P. Putnam

President Bram chose the end of the meeting to drop his R.B.B. (Ralph Bram Bomb): to wit, he and his wife TONI will be moving to Ocean City, MD as of January, MM1. They will remain there until the rest of the Bram Residential Inventory has been appropriately rearranged in various parts of the East Coast.

With that, adjournment came at 2:40 p.m.

Nota Bene: **THERE WILL BE NO MONTHLY MEETING FOR DECEMBER, 2000.**
*Next meeting will be Tuesday, January 9, 2001,
at 1 p.m. in Building 003, Conference Room 238.*

Charles H. Dickson, Jr.
Secretary

Friends of Agricultural Research—Beltsville, Inc.

Annual Meeting

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
Beltsville, Maryland
Building 003, room 238
May 8, 2001

Abbreviated Agenda

1:00 p.m.	Call to Order and introduction of guests	Ralph Bram
	Requests for Assistance Asian/Pacific Heritage event	
	Report of Treasurer and audit of financial records	Al DeMilo
	Report of Membership Committee	Frank Longen
	Report of Publicity Committee and Focus Group	Jim Butcher
	Report of Goals and Objectives Committee and George W. Irving Fellowship Committee	Phil Kearney
	Report of Outreach Program	Hank Dickson
	Report of Area Director's Liaison	Manya Stoetzel
1:30 p.m.	Adjourn	

CFC's Fall Fair, 2000

On December 13, 2000, FAR-B participated for the first time in the **Combined Federal Campaign's Information Fair**, held in Room 020 of Building 003 between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

BARC employees were invited to drop by and chat with people from the fourteen or fifteen CFC organizations which chose to appear there.

The event was extremely well-handled by **VERONICA JAMESON**, the award-winning management analyst from the **Plant Sciences Institute**. The participants all had more than enough table space to display their literature and mementos, as well as ample audio-visual hook-ups for VCR demonstrations and such.

Three trained lead dogs from two charities were present throughout the event and added a great deal to the festivities: they were intelligent, humorous, and totally well-behaved.

I talked to maybe 25 or 30 BARC people during this fair, passing out copies of the **RALPH BRAM letter/flyer**, the FAR-B brochure tagged with the **'7991' CFC code**, and copies of the latest FAR-B Newsletter, all of which disappeared.

While I was surprised to learn that nearly everybody I talked to had a basic understanding of FAR-B's mission, FAR-B's emergence as a CFC agency was, on the other hand, a universal surprise to the attendees. In any case, the oft-repeated concept of keeping one's charitable dollars in Beltsville seemed as easy to sell as shooting fish in a barrel.

I spent some time talking to a woman from the National Arboretum named **RINDY O'BRIEN**. She is the head of a fund-raising group there which consists of four non-GS positions. After some discussion, we concluded that FAR-B has more in common with the Friends of the National Arboretum than it does with the Friends of NAL. She said next March some people she knows from the Arboretum will be making a pilgrimage to BARC (something **JOHN KUCHARSKI** may know more about). Maybe we could start now to make arrangements to be included in that briefing as interested observers.

Concluding, I would have to say that this year's CFC Fair was a pleasant experience for FAR-B. Soon enough we'll also know whether or not our whole CFC effort will turn out to be equally rewarding.

Charles H. Dickson, Jr.

Friends of Agricultural Research--Beltsville

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{JIM:}

{Here is a draft of some information about the activities of the COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE. It can certainly be shortened, wherever necessary.}

OUTREACH PROGRAM BLOSSOMS AT FAR-B

Continuing its efforts to provide special educational experiences for children attending schools adjacent to BARC, the COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE opened the season by hosting an elementary school field trip to the National Visitor Center (NVC) October 2, 2000.

Guests were 39 exuberant sixth-grade students from Seabrook Elementary School, all eleven-year-olds in the classes of Mrs. JILL WILSON and Mr. KEITH ROSCOE.

Their tour was conducted by Dr. ROSANNAH TAYLOR of the NVC staff, who introduced the students to some of the recent developments in farm research, as well as several of the things going on in the arena of human nutrition.

After their early-morning briefing, the students embarked on their favorite part of the trip: a tour of the facilities where the research animals are quartered. They viewed the Holstein calves, a new litter of piglets, and the barns housing the cows involved in ongoing digestive studies.

Back at school they enjoyed some Papa John's pizza and competed in a JEAPORDY-style game devised by FAR-B and Dr. Taylor, which reinforced the information that had been acquired on the trip.

For next Spring, FAR-B is working with Dr. HOLLY HAYES HAMBLEY, president of OPEDA, to streamline the selection process of their second annual high school event, the FAR-B/OPEDA Invitational. Students with outstanding pre-college science projects of interest to BARC personnel will be invited to display their work in the morning in Building 005, enjoy a Boston Market luncheon at noon, then embark on a customized tour of BARC's facilities the rest of the day.

All members of the BARC community---especially members
of FAR-B---are invited to attend the FAR-B/OPEDA
Invitational's morning event, tentatively scheduled for
Friday, March 30, 2001. Check the FAR-B web page for
deatails at: <http://hydrolab.arsusda.gov/farb.html>.

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Friends of Agricultural Research—Beltsville, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
Building 003, Room 238
Beltsville, Maryland
November 14, 2000
1:00 p.m.

Agenda

Call to Order and Introduction of Guests	Ralph Bram
Report from the Area Director	Phyllis Johnson
Requests for Assistance	
Wrap up of BARC Symposium 2000	Lew Gasbarre
2001 WCC Meeting	Ralph Bram
Beltsville Area Mentoring Program Celebration	Ralph Bram
Report from the Visitors Center	John Kucharski
Treasurer's Report	Al DeMilo
Report of Membership Committee	Frank Longen
Status Report of the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)	Phil Kearney
Beltsville Area Leadership Meeting	Ralph Bram
Meeting with Director of NAL	Jim Butcher/Phil Kearney
Status Report of Publicity Committee	Jim Butcher
Policy Report of Goals and Objectives Committee	Phil Kearney
Status Report of Volunteer Clearing House	Shim Shimanuki
Plans for 2001	
George W. Irving Fellowship	Phil, Essy, Shim
Mike Faust Internship	Frank, Mark, Bailey
Congressional Testimony	Butcher, Essy, Hank
Outreach Program	Hank, Kucharski
Symposia and Field Days	
FAR-B Web site improvement	Hank
Winter Newsletter	
History of BARC	
Report of the Area Director's Liaison	Manya Stoetzel
Adjourn	

